

Annual Report 2018

Portage District Library's Mission:

To inspire learners, enrich lives, and empower our community.

2018 at a Glance



New in 2018



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The library added a new program that promotes reading to newborns, infants, toddlers, and preschoolers and encourages parent and child bonding through reading.



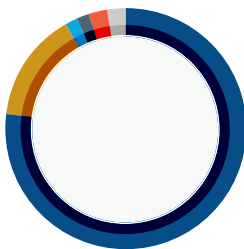
Harwood Community Conversations

In 2018, we began to use the Harwood Community Conversation method to learn about our community's needs.

Financial Report

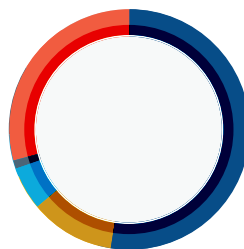
Total Revenue

\$4,512,886



Total Expenditures

\$4,512,886



Library Millage	74.53%
State Aid	16.85%
Penal Fines	1.39%
Fines & Fees	1.66%
Other Revenue	3.70%
Grants & Donations	1.86%

Operating Expenditures	51.13%
Library Collections	12.79%
Building Overhead	5.80%
Capital Expenditures	0.79%
Funding Future Initiatives*	29.48%

*Future Initiatives include carpeting, interior and exterior painting, elevator replacement and other large building repairs and maintenance, including possible expansion of facilities.

WORLD WAR I TRAIL WALK



World War I Trail Walk

As part of the World War I Centennial, Local Historian Steve Rossio created a series of signs that were placed along the trail from the library to Celery Flats park to display information about the contributions of Kalamazoo and Portage citizens during World War I.



Festival in the Flats

We celebrated Portage Pre-K children and early literacy with a special story and activity hour featuring local community leaders as readers, who helped us highlight the five practices of early literacy: Talk, Sing, Read, Write and Play.

2018 Library Board

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